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## Letter from David Young to James B. Finley

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Harrisville Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dr Bro

This morning I rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. was glad to hear from, but sorry about that troublesome not to say interminable case of Elliott & Latta.

So far from your account Bellows has acquitted himself (in this case) well.

Now I understand this Elliott case to be in the hands of the Bishop & Conference & that you (officially) have nothing to do with it on your District. This was one of the principal objects I had in view when drawing up the Resolutions referred to in your letter—reproached as you had already been I thought, you were not the person to settle the difficulty. You can have nothing to do with Elliott unless some new matter should occur, and even then if I were in your place I should do nothing till the Bishop & Conference had settled the old affair! So I counsel J. W. Finley.

Then as it respects Latta—there being no charge or charges against him—he cannot take testimony to rebut nothing! He has in his possession the recantation of Elliott which (to say the least) will forever be an inalienable draw back on his veracity & integrity. It is right for a man to be prudent. Latta should forget nothing—he ought to learn all he can in this case in which he is deeply interested. But let him act wholly on the defensive—acting otherwise in the other case you see produced the Bishops protest, & it is to be feared has cost the Committee a good deal of their well earned character & standing. Prudence says this is dangerous ground to stand on.

Rev James B Finley  
Germananton  
Ohio  
Single



James B Finley



Latte can have no objection to the decision of the  
Committee of course not knowing what to  
gain say or disprove the less he says publicly the  
conference the better.

I think when the case comes  
up whether the A. Conference will or will  
not sustain the Bishops decision in the  
committee, — Some body or bodies may feel  
queer!

I'll be responsible for what advice  
you may give Latte in conformity with  
the above

We are religiously a little dull in  
Zanerella. Mrs. Lander & Family pretty well  
My wife has been sick a good part of the  
winter — now some better — just able to  
go about the house.

We are trying to get to  
a better world, where we hope to meet you  
& yours & all the ransomed of the Lord  
Self & Wifes love to you all

Yours in Christ Jesus

J. B. F. L. C.

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P.S. If this is not water factory — meeting the  
object you had in view in writing your last  
let me know it — If it is let me hear  
from you when convenient. D. J.